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SUBJ: AMERICAN SCHOLARS DENIED PERMISSION TO CONDUCT
RESEARCH IN DAHOMEY

1. MR & MRS HENRY DREWAL ARE PROFESSORS OF ART AT CLEVELAND STATE UNIV IN OHIO. THEY ARE CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN NIGERIA INTO THE ART AND MUSIC OF THE YORUBA. THE DREWALS VISITED DAHOMEY AT THE END OF AUG TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO DO RESEARCH IN THE KETOU AND POBE REGIONS OF DAHOMEY WHICH ARE CENTERS OF YORUBA CULTURE. THEY WERE ADVISED BY THE MIN OF YOUTH, SPORT AND POPULAR CULTURE THAT EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO SEND A DIP NOTE REQUESTING SUCH PERMISSION. THIS WAS DONE AND A NEGATIVE RESPONSE JUST RECEIVED.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY LAGOS CONTACT MR AND MRS DREWAL C/O F. LONGE, METAL BOX CO OF NIGERIA, P.M.B. 1179, APPA, LAGOS, AND INFORM THEM THAT DAHOMEAN GOVT HAS DENIED THEM PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESEARCH AT THE PRESENT TIME. NOTE FROM FORNMIN PROMISES TO INFORM US AS SOON AS POSITIVE RESPONSE IS POSSIBLE. IT IS DOUBTFUL PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. RECOMMEND DREWALS NOT RETURN TO DAHOMEY.
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